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## **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS** **Agriculture**

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#### AGRICULTURE

**1.** (1) (a) To the Board that provides satisfactorily throughout the year, instruction in the prescribed courses in Agriculture for Grades VII, VIII, IX or X, as reported by the Public or Separate School Inspector and approved by the Departmental Inspector of Agricultural Classes, the Minister will pay special grants as hereinafter set forth.

(b) In addition to instruction in the *prescribed topics* of the course or courses taught in the classroom and completion of requirements regarding pupils' records, teacher's report, and trustees' statement, the teacher must conduct satisfactorily to the Public or Separate School Inspector at least four practical activities selected from the following:

(i) Care of the school grounds while school is in session; well kept lawn, rubbish cleared away, weeds prevented from going to seed.

(ii) A school garden, minimum area 6 sq. rods, except when a smaller area is approved by the Inspector because of small enrolment. One half the garden area must be planted with vegetables and grain or other farm crops.

(iii) Planting and caring for flower beds of annual or perennial flowers (including bulbs), shrubbery and trees.

(iv) Planting bulbs in the fall for indoor bloom.

(v) A home garden programme supervised by the teacher with inspection by the teacher at least once during the year.

(vi) Participation in School Fair activities by pupils and teacher.

(vii) Starting early vegetables and annual or perennial flowers in flats or shallow boxes in the classroom or in a hotbed.

(viii) Outline and supervise home project activities of a nature suited to the locality. Collections of weeds, insects, grains, plant diseases and leaves may be included.

(ix) Hatching chicks in an incubator at the school and caring for some of the chicks at school before distributing them to pupils.

(2) (a) Schools intending to undertake the work for the *first time*, and thus qualify for grants, must notify the Public or Separate School Inspector within two weeks after commencement of the work. The work may



be begun in September or January. The Inspector shall include in the annual report for each school, a statement of the date on which the work was begun.

(b) Should an itinerant teacher be engaged by a Board or Boards to teach in several schools, the Inspector shall notify the Department. Regulations concerning grants as hereinafter detailed shall apply.

(3) The time allotted to the work on the time-table of the school shall be definitely stated and shall be at least two half hours per week of student time as defined in the course of study for Grades VII and (or) VIII. When work of Grades IX and (or) X is taken the student time allotted shall be a minimum of 120 minutes per week and in both cases the prescribed course of studies must be followed.

(4) (a) The teacher shall keep a record as indicated on the special form provided by the Department, of the work carried on in the garden and the instruction given in the school. These records shall be inspected by the Public or Separate School Inspector on his visits to the school, and shall be forwarded by the teacher as a report to the Minister through the aforesaid Inspector. No grants will be paid to Boards unless this report is sent in.

(b) The pupils shall keep records systematically in special agricultural note-books or garden journals of the instruction given and the practical work carried on in their school and home gardens. These records shall be submitted for the approval of the Inspector.

(5) The accounts for the work in Agriculture shall be kept separately from the general school expenditure, and a financial statement shall be submitted, including *an itemized list of all expenditures* on which a grant is claimed, on the special form provided by the Department, by the Secretary to the Minister through the Public or Separate School Inspector at the end of the school year in June. The totals of the receipts and expenditures shall, however, also be included in the General Financial Statement of the Board to the Department of Education. No grants will be paid to a school until these reports are received.

(6) These grants shall be apportioned for the school year and reports shall be required from both teachers and Boards at the close of the term in June. These reports endorsed by the teacher are to be transmitted to the Department of Education through the local Inspector on or before July 10th.

(7) The grants payable to Boards of ungraded schools (schools with one teacher) and graded schools (schools with more than one teacher), with the main requirements for earning these grants, are set forth in the following:

## I. GRANTS TO BOARDS OF RURAL AND URBAN UNGRADED SCHOOLS

### A. For Grades VII and VIII taken as one class.

A fixed annual grant according to the grading assigned by the Public or Separate School Inspector.

Grade I  
Grant—\$30.00

The teacher shall hold a certificate in Agriculture, the Board shall have provided recommended books, periodicals and equipment, the subject shall be taught with *above average efficiency* for the required time throughout the school year.

Grade II  
Grant—\$15.00

(a) The teacher shall hold a certificate in Agriculture, the Board shall have partially provided recommended books, periodicals and equipment, the subject shall be taught with *average efficiency* for the required time throughout the school year.

(b) The teacher holds no certificate in Agriculture, the Board shall have provided recommended books, periodicals and equipment, the subject shall be taught with *above average efficiency* for the required time throughout the school year.

Grade III  
No Grant

The teacher may or may not hold a certificate in Agriculture. In other respects below standards for Grades I and II.

NOTE: For Grade III the equipment grant only will be paid.

### B. Equipment Grant.

Fifty per cent (50%) of the annual expenditure on recommended books, periodicals, equipment and materials as defined under **2** below to a maximum expenditure of \$40.00.



NOTE: When Grades IX and (or) X are taken in an ungraded school the equipment grant may be increased to a maximum expenditure of \$60.00.

## II. GRANTS TO BOARDS OF RURAL AND URBAN GRADED SCHOOLS

A. For Grades VII and VIII taken as one class or taken separately. When more than one class is taken, twenty or more pupils must be enrolled in Grades VII and VIII.

A fixed annual grant according to the grading assigned by the Public or Separate School Inspector.

Grade I  
Grant—\$30.00 for  
one class.  
\$6.00 for each  
additional class.  
Maximum grant to  
one school—\$48.00

The teacher or teachers shall hold a certificate in Agriculture, the Board shall have provided recommended books, periodicals and equipment, the subject shall be taught with *above average efficiency* for the required time throughout the school year.

Grade II  
Grant—\$15.00 for  
one class.  
\$3.00 for each  
additional class.  
Maximum grant to  
one school—\$24.00

(a) The teacher or teachers shall hold a certificate in Agriculture, the Board shall have partially provided recommended books, periodicals and equipment, the subject shall be taught with *average efficiency* for the required time throughout the school year.

(b) The teacher or teachers hold no certificate in Agriculture, the Board shall have provided recommended books, periodicals and equipment, the subject shall be taught with *above average efficiency* for the required time throughout the school year.

Grade III  
No Grant

The teacher may or may not hold a certificate in Agriculture. In other respects below standards for Grades I and II.

NOTE: For Grade III the equipment grant only will be paid.

### B. Equipment Grant.

Fifty per cent (50%) of the annual expenditure on recommended books, periodicals, equipment and materials as defined under **2** below, at the rate of \$40.00 per class, maximum expenditure \$160.00 in any one school.

NOTE: When Grades IX and (or) X are taken in a graded school the Inspector shall award a separate grading and the above schedule of gradings and grants shall apply in addition and separate from grants for Grades VII and VIII.

(8) A consolidated school shall be regarded as a rural graded or an ungraded school and grants may be paid under either of the above schemes.

(9) When the work in a graded or ungraded school is commenced in September under a certificated teacher and during the year comes under the charge of a teacher without a certificate, the grant to the Board for the whole year will be the one to which it was entitled at the time the work was commenced.

**2.** The expenditures for which grants may be claimed shall be those which are made for equipment, materials and other purposes for teaching the topics of the courses in Agriculture of Grades VII and VIII and Agricultural Science of Grades IX and X. Grants will be paid on expenditures for the following:

The purchase of recommended agricultural or horticultural books or for subscriptions to agricultural or horticultural journals for the school library; the purchase of equipment for instruction in the classroom such as, magnifying glasses, apparatus for simple soil studies and other topics given in the course of studies; for rental of additional land for gardens; for preparing, manuring, or fencing of the garden; for overseeing and caring for the garden through the summer holidays, for the improvement of the school grounds by the planting of trees, shrubs or perennials; for buying tools for use in the garden or in making simple appliances needed in the classroom or garden work; for the provision of seeds, bulbs, labels, garden hose, window boxes, hotbeds, cold frames, grass clippers, lawn mower, etc., for use at the school; for purchase of seeds for home gardens and for materials in preparing exhibits and for other expenses connected with the School Fair, exclusive of transportation, and for other purposes approved by the Minister.

**3.** If in any year the amount voted by the Legislature of Ontario for any of the services recognized in these Regulations is insufficient to pay the grants in full, the Minister may make a pro rata reduction in the case of such grants.

**4.** These Regulations shall be effective from September 1st, 1942.

